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FOR NEA ASST SECRETARY SAUNDERS FROM KILLGOER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, QA, US, XF
SUBJECT: SAUNDERS' STATEMENT BEFORE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE

REF: STATE 148929

1. YOUR STATEMENT IS ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL AND BRILLIANTLY TIMED. WE READ IT WITH ENTHUSIASTIC APPROVAL AT THE EMBASSY. I SEND OUR BEST COMMENDATIONS TO YOU, NEA, AND REST OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND OTHER AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS IN THE USG WHO HAD A HAND IN DRAFTING STATEMENT. IT IS TRUE, AS YOU SAY, THAT THERE IS NO SINGLE ELEMENT IN THE STATEMENT THAT IS ALL THAT NEW, BUT STATEMENT'S COMPREHENSIVENESS, PARTICULARLY IN STRESSING THE RAPIDLY GROWING IMPORTANCE OF THE ARAB WORLD TO THE U.S., ALONGSIDE OUR CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY OF ISRAEL, PUTS AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH THE MIDDLE EAST IN A TRUE
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PERSPECTIVE, SOMETIMES SADLY LOOKING IN THE PAST.

2. LAST SENTENCE IN PARA 3 OF REFTTEL, THAT STATEMENT IS INTENDED TO BRING AMERICANS TOGETHER IN A CONSENSUS ON POLICY TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST, IS A GREAT CREATIVE IDEA. WE HAVE NEVER REALLY DONE THIS BEFORE, AND OUR ESSENTIAL PASSIVITY ON THE HOME FRONT HAS HAD PERNICIOUS RESULTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I BELIEVE THE

PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE IN THE UNITED STATES IS RIGHT, AND IF WE
WILL USE ALL OUR STRENGTH TO GET ACROSS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
THE TRUTHS IN YOUR STATEMENT, I AM CONFIDENT THEY WILL SUPPORT
US IN REACHING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
KILLGORE

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